



# **DED Business Application Review Kaizen Event Report Out**

**“Core Application” Team**  
September 20-24, 2010

# The Opportunity

Teresa Hay McMahon

# The “Core Application” Team

Beth Balzer



# Team Members

**Beth Balzer**

**Team leader**

**Lisa Michaelson, DHS**

**Facilitator**

**Mike Rohlf-IDED**

**Members**

**Jeremy Babcock, IDED**

**Michael Farley, IDED**

**Pat Paustian, IDED**

**Wynona Bohemann, IDED**

**Vicky Winter-Clearman, IDED**

**Beth Balzer, IDED**

**Teresa Lane, IDED**

**Allen Williams, IDED**

**Lane Palmer, IDED**

**Paul Stueckrad, IDED**

**Eric Shofroth, IDED**

**Stacie LoVan, Greater Des Moines Partnership**

**Jim Vanderwielen, DPD**

**Melissa Pelham, DHS**



# Scope

Wynona Bohemann

- **This event will address the Financial Assistance Application Review process from the time of initial contact with Business Finance for a specific project to when a decision is made.**

# Goals

Mike Farley

- 1. 100% of the applications that are received are complete**
- 2. With improvements, reduce the amount of paper used and produced**
- 3. Reduce the amount of steps it takes in the process by 25%**



# Objectives

Stacie LoVan

1. **Have a more efficient and timely process**
2. **Eliminate back and forth (communication)**
3. **Evaluate the tools we use including the PRF, BIRT Form, Electronic Board Book and etc.**
4. **Examine what we require with and within an application**
5. **Identify early on the ways we can communicate types and amounts of assistance**
6. **Remain flexible to special situations and circumstances (20% of time)**
7. **Free up time to give me time to do other work**
8. **Better understanding of the whole process**
9. **Be able to bring new staff into this process easily**



# Kaizen Methodology

Melissa Pelham

- Clear objectives
- Team process
- Tight focus on time
- Quick & simple
- Necessary resources immediately available
- Immediate results (new process designed by end of week)
- 5S “mindset”--use the steps to support the event activities
  - Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain





# Current Process

Paul Stueckradt



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# Results-Old Process

Pat Paustian

Total Steps	197	
Total Delays	12	
Delays BC	4.3 days	
Delay WC	72 days	
Value Added Steps	1	
Decisions	31	
Loop Backs	10	
Total Handoffs	71	
Lead Time - Days	33.5 days	

# Brainstorming

Teresa Lane

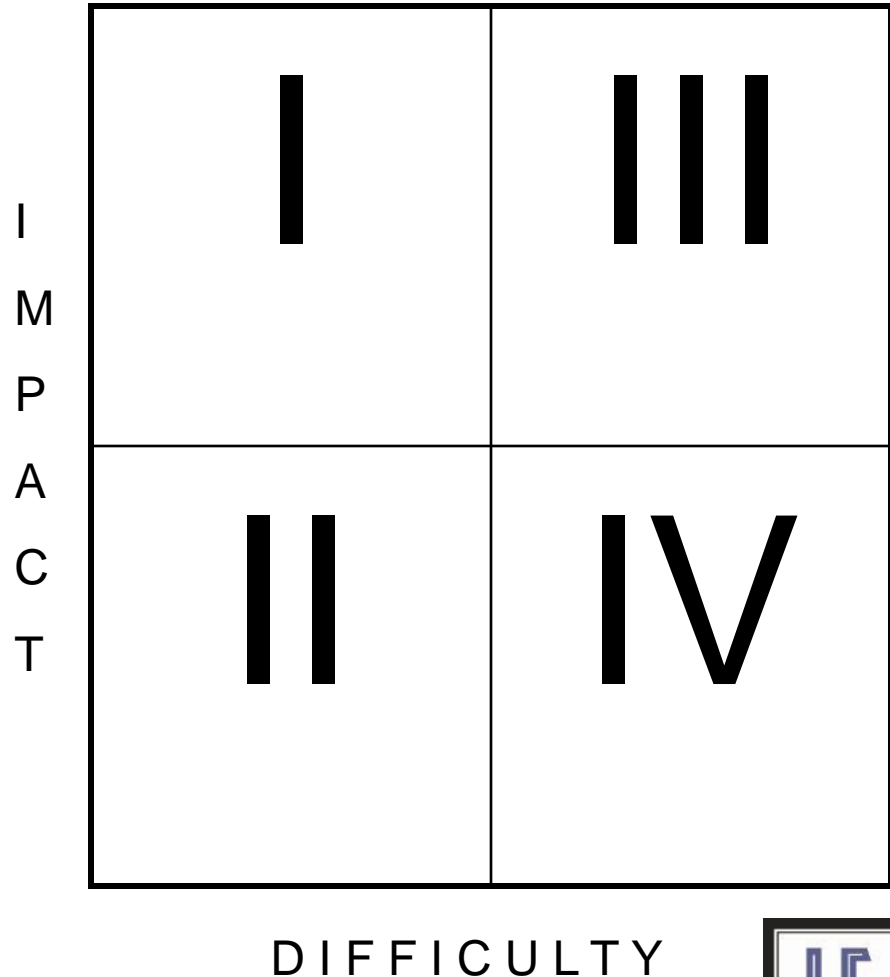
- Require on-line application
- Utilize Shared folders for all application materials
- Standard checklist for application review
- Design set of questions for cold calls
- Utilize electronics (projectors etc.) for meetings to reduce paper
- Determine early on the types and amounts of potential assistance



# De-selection Process

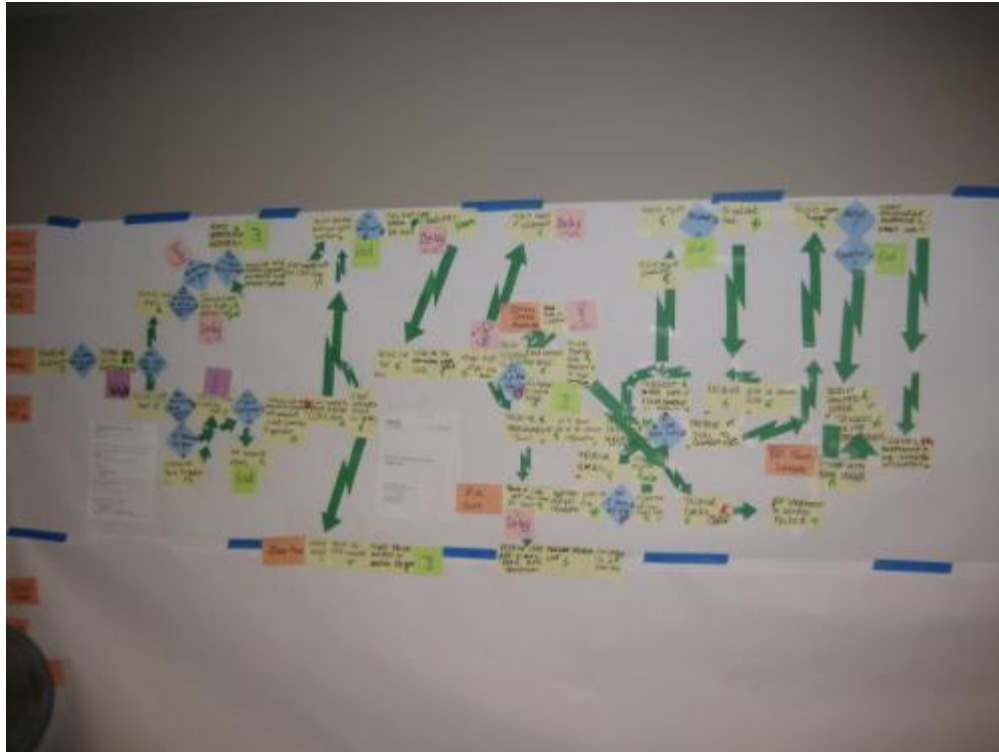
Allen Williams

- Identifies
  - Impact to customer
  - Difficulty implementing
- Helps to rate/rank solutions to resolve issues while identifying ease of implementation



# New Process

Jeremy Babcock



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# Results-New Process

Jim Vanderwielen

	Old	New	% Change
Total Steps	197	137	30%
Delays BC	4.3 days	3.1 days	28%
Delay WC	72 days	36 days	50%
Value Added Steps	1	2	187%
Decisions	31	28	10%
Loop Backs	10	7	30%
Total Handoffs	71	51	28%
Lead Time - Days	33.5 days	27.6 days	20%



# Homework

Lane Palmer

Item	Item Description	Person Responsible	Due Date
1	Guideline for decision process (clarity for financial decision)	Paul	November 30 <sup>th</sup>
2	Emphasis on FIR vs dollar per job	Lane/Paul	November 30 <sup>th</sup>
3	Blue Folder – Needs to go to compliance at some point – who will make the folder?	Teresa	October 21 <sup>st</sup>
4	Map what happens with Tax info	Lane	October 21 <sup>st</sup>
5	Standard check list for application review	Pat	October 30 <sup>th</sup>
6	Give access to Vicki / Debby to shared drive	Paul	September 30, 2010
7	Assess paper use for Director meeting	Teresa	November 30, 2010
8	BF Managers verify the correct document version is in the Board Books	Jeremy	Ongoing
9	Design set of questions for cold call ( to direct the call to the right person)	Allen	October 21, 2010
10	Design new review form – Screening Tool- Incentive worksheet	Paul	October 30, 2010



# Team Member Experience

**Eric Shofroth**  
**Stacie LoVan**



# Comments

**Lisa Michaelson**  
**Mike Rohlf**

**We welcome your  
questions and comments!**

